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1. IN PROVIDING EMBASSY WITH NAMES OF BRAZILIAN DELEGATION TO CARACAS CONFERENCE, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THAT DELEGATION'S INSTRUCTIONS NOT YET FORMALIZED. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT BRAZIL WOULD ADHERE TO ITS LEGISLATION, I.E. 200 MILES OF TERRITORIAL SEA. NOTING THAT THIS POSITION IS NEITHER COMFORTABLE NOR POPULAR, HE ALSO SAID THAT BRAZIL WAS OF COURSE GOING TO THE CONFERENCE IN A SPIRIT OF NEGOTIATION, AND WITH A VIEW TO SEEING WHAT DEVELOPED THERE.

2. DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL (WITH RANK OF AMBASSADOR) RAMIRO SARAIVA GUERREIRO, WHO IS EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN CARACAS FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS. A BIO REPORT ON HIM HAS ALREADY BEEN PREPARED IN WASHINGTON.

3. DEPUTY CHIEF OF DELEGATION WILL BE CARLOS
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CALERO RODRIGUEZ, NOW AMBASSADOR TO POLAND. WITH

A LONG HISTORY OF ASSOCIATION WITH UN MATTERS, INCLUDING LOS, CALERO RODRIGUEZ, PRIOR TO GOING TO POLAND, WAS CHIEF OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISMS DEPARTMENT. BASICALLY FRIENDLY TO THE US, CALERO RODRIGUEZ IN THE PAST TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT, WITH THE SHRIMP AGREEMENT AS AN EXAMPLE, HE DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS ANYTHING IN THE LOS AREA BETWEEN THE U.S. AND BRAZIL THAT COULD NOT BE SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED TO MUTUAL ADVANTAGE. AS LONG AGO AS EARLY 1972 HE FORESAW BRAZIL'S POSSIBLE ISOLATION BECAUSE OF ITS EXTREME POSITION AND LED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY EFFORT TO DEVELOP A FALL-BACK POSITION ALONG PATRIMONIAL-SEA LINES. CALERO RODRIGUEZ IS SHREWD, SHARP, AND HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED, WITH A DRY, IRONIC WIT. ALTHOUGH FRIENDLY TO THE U.S. AND TO EMBASSY OFFICERS IN THE PAST, HE IS A TOUGH BARGAINER AND A SKILLFUL NEGOTIATOR WHO CAN BE COUNTED UPON TO PRESS CAPABLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO DERIVE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE FOR BRAZIL.

3. DELEGATION WILL ALSO INCLUDE NAVY CAPTAIN MURILO SOUTO MAIOR (BIO PROVIDED IN REFTEL).

4. ALSO ON DELEGATION ARE FOUR MEN NOT KNOWN TO EMBASSY. THEY ARE: PROFESSOR VICENTE MAROTTA RANGEL, UNIVERSITY OF SAO PAULO (LEGAL ADVISOR); PROFESSOR MELQUIADES PINTO PAIVA, UNIVERSITY OF CEARA AND NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL; AND DR. GERALDO WILSON NUNAN AND JOSE LUIS GUIMARAES, MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP BIO INFORMATION ON THEM AND WILL REPORT IF SUCCESSFUL.

5. ROUNDING OUT DELEGATION ARE THREE JUNIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICERS: JOSE MAURICIO DE FIGUEIREDO BUSTANI, WHO SERVED ON VARIOUS BRAZILIAN LOS DELEGATIONS IN 1968-69 BEFORE BEING POSTED TO MOSCOW IN 1970; LUIZ AUGUSTO SAINT-BRISSEN DE ARAUJO CASTRO, SON OF BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S., WHO ALSO SERVED ON VARIOUS BRAZILIAN DELEGATIONS

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INVOLVING LOS AND ATTENDED ALL SEABED COMMITTEE SESSIONS; AND FLAVIO MIRAGAIA PERRI, WHOSE RECORD INCLUDES SERVICE ON BRAZILIAN DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA BUT NOT ON LOS.

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